# NOTE XXV.

## ON AN APPARENTLY UNDESCRIBED GENUS OF WRENS FROM TIMOR.

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In the Leyden Museum are some specimens of a bird from Timor, bearing the label «*Orthotomus subulatus*, Müll. Verh.», a name which I cannot find to have been published anywhere, and as far as I am aware the species has never been described under any other name.

Generically this Wren comes very close to *Pnoepyga*, and has no rictal bristles and the front aspect of the tarsus entire. It has, however, a much longer bill, thinner, and more compressed, the culmen exceeding the hind toe and claw in length. I propose to separate it generically as *Orthnocichla*. The type will be

Orthnocichla subulata.
*Orthotomus subulatus*, Müll. MSS. in Mus. Lugd.

*Adult male.* General colour above light rufous brown, slightly more fulvescent on the rump and upper tail-coverts; wing-coverts like the back; quills dusky brown, externally light rufous, the inner secondaries entirely of the latter colour; tail-feathers light rufous; head like the back, a very distinct eyebrow of buffy white extending from the base of the nostrils to above the ear-coverts;

feathers round the eye and ear-coverts whitish, the upper edge of the ear-coverts rufous brown; cheeks and under surface white, the sides of the breast ashy, the lower flanks fulvous brown; thighs brown; under tail-coverts white washed with fulvous; under wing-coverts yellowish white; quills dusky below, ashy fulvous along the edge of the inner web; bill yellowish white, pale brown on the upper mandible; feet yellowish white. Total length 3.5 inches, culmen 0.55, wing 2.1, tail 1.05, tarsus 0.8.

Hab. Timor.